

## MEMORANDUM

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

SUBJECT: Actions on Cambodia

The following is a report on actions taken or underway on Cambodia through 6:00 p.m., July 16.

Military Operations: ARVN elements engaged an enemy force 30 miles southeast of Kompong Cham. Enemy losses were 17 killed and 4 weapons seized, while ARVN casualties were 2 killed and 4 wounded.

-- UN/VNAF air operations July 15/16 included 57 reconnaissance, 102 tactical, and 15 B-52 strikes, mostly in eastern Cambodia.

Third Country Military Forces in Support of Cambodia: The GOC has asked US intercession in some financial differences with the GVN, which apparently wants the GOC to supply the Cambodian currency required by ARVN forces in Cambodia, and has asked Cambodia to meet one-half the cost of supporting ARVN forces in Cambodia, which it estimates at \$2 million per month.

Military Assistance: The following captured equipment was delivered to Cambodia on July 15/16:

rocket launcher ammo	144 rds
82mm mortar ammo	688 rds
60mm mortar ammo	2,335 rds
57mm recoilless rifle ammo	208 rds
75mm recoilless rifle ammo	39 rds
7.62mm machine gun ammo	134,640 rds

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-- Cumulative Shipments to Cambodia by Type and Source Since April 22:

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	Totals of US Equipment Delivered	Totals of Captured Equipment Delivered
small arms	27,644	15,288
crew served weapons	1,013	1,799
vehicles	40	0
radio/equipment	323	0
small arms ammo (rds)	9,660,380	2,623,170
crew served weapons ammo (rds)	1,099,386	2,113,066
artillery munitions (rds)	6,960	0

*Stop this up. This has been very slow in last 2 weeks*

-- Embassy Bangkok has compiled a list of Thai support already committed to Cambodia. The major items include "softwear" (boots, ponchos, etc.) for 50,000 troops, 20 river patrol craft (delivery begins this week), loan of 5 T-28s, stationing of liaison groups in Cambodia, recruitment and training of Thai-Khmer, aerial reconnaissance and interdiction missions (to be expanded soon to include close air support in northwestern Cambodia), and a Thai Red Cross medical team.

-- Shipments of relief supplies from New Zealand and Japan reached Phnom Penh on July 15 and 16.

-- Our Embassy in Tokyo is preparing a regular program of briefings for Japanese officials to counter what we regard as an overly pessimistic Japanese view of Lon Nol's prospects. Aichi has promised to look into such direct aid as trucks and communications equipment beyond the \$2 million in relief goods now being delivered, but further Japanese aid will probably be largely determined by GOJ views as to whether Lon Nol will survive.

-- Charge Rives saw Lon Nol on July 14, and discussed some of the recommendations made by the Bangkok conference on support for Cambodia. Lon Nol was generally receptive, and expressed his gratitude for US help in upgrading Cambodian radio broadcasting, but he again asked for more arms as well as assistance in establishing a new FANK training center.

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*Prepare a personal letter from me to Lon Nol's chamberlain in which I give him my condolences for his loss.*

*Call in the Japanese ambassador & give him a message from the US to Lon Nol.*

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Diplomatic: State has instructed our Embassies in the UK, West Germany, Spain, Israel, Japan, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, and Italy (all of whom have diplomatic relations with the GOC) to brief host governments on the situation in Cambodia. Emphasis is to be placed on the fact that much of last month's press reporting was alarmist in nature, and that we do not foresee any imminent crisis. The hope will also be expressed that these governments will not be deterred from providing military or economic assistance because of exaggerated pessimism over prospects for the GOC's survival.

Information: The Australians are considering several communications -- related assistance projects which would involve all or most of \$A 300,000 remaining in a special Cambodian aid fund. Australian aid experts are expected to come up with recommendations within a few days.

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